

provided by Department of Tourism, Government of India to Rajasthan Government for tourism infrastructure projects are given below:—

| Year | No. of projects | (Rs. in lakhs) | |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| | | Amount sanctioned | Amount released |
| 1999-2000 | 12 | 131.22 | 36.59 |
| 2000-2001 (till 31.1.2001) | 12 | 361.27 | 108.90 |

(b) Utilisation Certificates for 1st instalments released in respect of these projects are awaited from the State Government.

Decline in Inflow of Foreign Tourists

671. SHRI ANANTA SETHI: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the arrival of foreign tourists decreased during the current financial year;

(b) if so, to what extent than the previous three years;

(c) the sector-wise position in the country and the reasons why the arrival of foreign tourists decreased in these sectors; and

(d) what is Government's reaction in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) There has been increase in foreign tourists arrivals in the year 2000 as compared to the previous three years. The foreign tourist arrivals during the years 1997, 1998, 1999 and 2000 are 2.37 million, 2.36 million, 2.48 million and 2.64 million respectively.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.